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CHESHIRE COUNTY CONVENTION

JANUARY 10, 1973

The first meeting of the Cheshire County Convention was called to order by self appointed temporary Chairman Cleon Heald of Keene in room 113 in the State House in Concord.

The first order of business was the election of a Chairman. The names of Janet Dunham of Swanzey and Elmer Johnson of Winchester were placed in nomination and nominations were closed. Voting was by ballot and Janet Dunham receiving a plurality was declared elected.

The following were duly nominated and elected:

Vice-chairman: Michael Saunders

Clerk: Anne Gordon

Executive Committee: Andrea Scranton
Clean Heald
Edward Johnson
Sumner Raymond
Jacob Hackler
Homer Forcier

Mr. Savage as County Commissioner reported the former Post Office in Keene has been declared excess property. The building may be purchased by schools if classrooms are maintained, or if it is considered to be of historic interest by any historical group. Then the State, County or City can petition for its use. A formal application by the County Commissioners must be made if the County wants to use it.

There will be a meeting of the County Convention in Keene at the Court House on Saturday, Jan. 20, 1973 at 9 a.m.

A bill to put the Deputy Sheriff on salary will be considered on the 20th. Andrea Scranton, Edward Johnson and Daley Whipple will be the committee.

Motion made, seconded and passed Sheldon Barker and James "Pop" Allen be made honorary members of this delegation.

Meeting adjourned 12:25 p.m.

The Executive Committee met just long enough to elect Sumner Raymond Chairman.

Meeting adjourned 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

JANUARY 20, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham at 9:10 a.m. in the jury room at the Court House in Keene. On roll call the following members were absent: Messers Stevens, Elmer Johnson, Slicer, Savage, Yardley, Ames, Heald and Close.

The Chairman explained how the meetings would be run. Those who want to speak may put their names in and they will be called on in order. She will use Roberts Rules. It is important to let the Commissioners know what is going on and try to communicate. The meeting will consider only the stated purpose the meeting was called for and no last minute items will be considered. A meeting will be called in Concord to consider the question of putting the deputy sheriff on salary.

Vice-chairman Saunders spoke on the additional space needed. He gave a brief history of the action taken by the county in an effort to resolve this need. He read the motions and the actions taken by the county at their last meeting in 1972.

Mr. Streeter gave figures in detail on a building to house all county services at Fuller Park.

Mr. Raymond tried to explain the difference between county delegation and convention. He had a lot of facts and figures on the building programs which he explained to us. That the entire project cost is the only criteria to work with has been agreed on by the convention.

Mr. O'Neil explained about the Court Accreditation Commission. They have no power to force anyone to do anything. They inspect the facilities and make recommendations. They are working to separate court facilities from other county functions. The commission approves a separate court building on the armory site.

The County budget runs on a calendar year. There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee to consider the budget. There will be a convention meeting in mid-February for a budget hearing. A meeting will be held in March to visit the facilities in Westmoreland and to finalize the budget.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

FEBRUARY 6, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham at 11:10 a.m. in room 106 in the State House in Concord. The following members were not present: Messers Galloway, Elmer Johnson, Stevens, O'Neil, Hackler, McGinnis, Close, Nims, Drew and Mrs. Ladd.

The report of the committee for putting deputy sheriffs on salary was given. In Hillsborough County it seems to work well. We have one full-time, one almost full-time and one part-time deputy. After much discussion it was moved, seconded and passed the matter of salary for deputy sheriffs be investigated more deeply by the executive committee.

Motion made, seconded and passed the delegation authorize the commissioners to borrow $500,000.00 in anticipation of taxes.

General discussion of the reasons the commissioners can't get their budget report ready and mailed by Jan. 31st. Accounts cannot be audited in time and perhaps the date should be changed to sometime in March.

Seven counties have a bill that would make the amount paid for attending meetings outside of Concord $15.00. Cheshire pays three dollars. Motion made, seconded and passed we add Cheshire County to this bill, with it to take effect in Cheshire County in 1975. One opposed.

Commissioner Savage spoke of the fact that the convention in previous action had authorized the architects to continue and complete plans for the court house at the earliest possible date. The commissioners have told the architect to hold up plans until action is taken by the court. The commissioners want authorization for their act. The request was ruled out of order by the Chairman as it had not been advertised as a matter to be discussed.

Meeting adjourned 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 1, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond at 7:04 p.m. in the Commissioners office in the Court House in Keene. The following were present: Messers Edward Johnson,

Raymond, Forcier, Heald, Saunders, Mesdames Dunham, Gordon and Commissioners Savage, Lewis, and Barrett.

The budget figures as presented were gone through item by item.

The Commissioners were directed to supply a detailed list of item 101.1 clerical salaries.

Item 102 Outside services will be considered in more detail.

Item 132 is to be questioned further.

A copy of the sheriffs report that goes to the Secretary of State should also be on file in the County Commissioners office and the commissioners were directed to have such copies.

Radio equipment should be purchased through crime commission funds at much reduced rates.

Commissioner Savage explained that one of the best foster homes was increasing its rate from $80.00 to $150.00 a month. Other homes get $70.00 to $80.00.

The commissioners were directed to get the entire actual cost to the county of the armory, the cost to the city if known, and exchange areas.

The matter of the New Hope Center will come before the delegation.

Item 621; The commissioners were directed to get a breakdown sheet of this item and how the figures were arrived at.

Commissioner Savage explained the manner in which they planned to use the revenue sharing funds. $50,000 plus would be used in Mutual Aid and $100,000 plus would be put in an account to help pay the extra cost that has occurred thru continuing delay in getting the court house constructed.

Copies of Cheshire County financial statements were distributed.

In 1952 micro films were made of all county records. Nothing has been done since that time.

The Commissioners left and a short discussion of how to proceed with the meeting on Saturday was held.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

MARCH 3, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. in the court house in Keene by Chairman Dunham. All members were present except Elmer Johnson, Ames, Close and Barrett. Commissioners Savage, Barrett and Lewis were also present.

The clerk read the warrant.

Rep. O'Neil asked to speak briefly before any matter on the warrant was considered. He said because of the nature of the articles in the warrant he had been asked to make an advance announcement, ahead of publication, because the convention needs the information to proceed. This building even if remodeled will not be accredited by the court commission.

Motion made, seconded and unanimously passed any action on "a" be laid on the table.

Commissioner Savage said the General Service Administration had been informed of a possible interest by the county in the old post office boilding. The school district has first chance to buy the building for $1.00. If the county is interested they must vote to fund the purchase. This meeting was called by a majority of the commissioners. Despite there being no record of the call for this meeting in the commissioners records the matter was brought up and discussed.

Commissioner Barrett said there was one more meeting in January for which there seemed to be no record.

Commissioner Lewis said he was not opposed to the court house site at Fuller Park but he was opposed to the amount of money involved. The county has no say in the amount of money spent by the court. The state will take the court over eventually and probably in less than ten years. It has been reported in the papers that the school district was interested in the post office and probably some government agency will get it for a dollar. For $200,000 it can be remodeled into the best office building in Keene. The court would remain here in this admittedly obsolete building with only normal maintenance to be spent. He has not contacted any members of the delegation as he thinks their minds are made up. He is aware that the court house at Fuller Park and the rest of the county business here was a compromise.

Motion made relative to article "b" a poll be made of the delegation. Motion withdrawn.

Motion made and seconded to indefinitely postpone article "b". A roll call was requested.

Ayes — 24

Galloway, Johnson, Edward, Stevens, O'Neil, Ladd, Slicer, Whipple, Dunham, Hackler, McGinness, Savage, Forcier, Gordon, Yardley, Milbank, Turner, Helie, Raymond, Saunders, Heald, Streeter, Nims, Drew, Scranton.

Nays — 0

Motion made and seconded to take Article "a" off the table. Motion lost.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m. to a date certain.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET
MARCH 10, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m. in the Court room in the Court House in Keene by Chairman Dunham. The meeting was turned over to Sumner Raymond, Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Chairman Raymond stated the budget as printed had been reviewed by the Executive Committee and was considered to be very fair except for a few minor changes. The matter of soil conservation and the New Hope Center would be considered by the whole convention.

Chairman Dunham took the chair.

The Chairman of the New Hope Center submitted a detailed budget for 1973-374. They have added group insurance, two more students and a personnel development program workshop. They charge the sending school $750.00 per student. At present they have 29 students. Their building is furnished by the City of Keene. 9 towns and the City of Keene send students.

Soil Conservation needs secretarial help and to have someone to answer the phone. The $2600.00 would pay half of a girl's time.

Not included in the budget but an item of importance is the microfilming of records. It was last done in 1955 by the Mormons at no cost to us. To bring the records up-to-date will cost $18,000.00.

Keene Senior Citizens are asking $1000.00 from the County.

The Sheriffs department has submitted a request for funding to expand the sheriffs department by adding two cruisers and five more men. The total cost would be $68,987.00 and they are asking $15,000.00 from the county this year. The county will assume full cost after the first year. Members from all the towns police departments appeared in favor of more help from the sheriffs department. The county attorney spoke in favor of it. He did not think the cost was important if we need the extra help.

Revenue sharing funds received are relative to the tax effort. Some will be applied for fire mutual aid salaries. Surplus applied against the tax efforts of the towns. Revenue sharing can be used in the social services area.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

MARCH 31, 1973

After coffee, doughnuts and an inspection of the county buildings at Westmoreland, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham at 10:30 a.m. The following members were present; Messers. Galloway (14), Edward Johnson (14), Stevens (14), O'Neil (56), Elmer Johnson (56), Slicer (30), Whipple (60), Hackler (40), McGinness (48), Savage ( ), Forcier (78), Yardley ( ), Milbank (56), Helie (25), Raymond (30), Ames (28), Saunders (28), Heald (28), Close (28), Nims (28), Drew (25), Mesdames Ladd (56), Dunham (36), Gordon (64), and Scranton ( ). Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Churchill, Commissioners Savage, Lewis, and Mr. Callahan of fire mutual aid.

After much discussion the motion was made, seconded and passed $61,075.00 be budgeted for administrative expense.

Motion made, seconded and passed $15,775.00 be approved for County Attorney expenses.

Motion made, seconded and passed $50,965.00 be approved for Register of Deeds expenses.

Motion made, seconded and passed $3210.00 be approved for Register of Probate expenses.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $30,940.00 for the Sheriffs Department.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $5050.00 for the Medical Referee expenses.

Motion made seconded and passed we approve $13,380.00 for maintenance of the court house. One member opposed.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $94,700.00 for the Superior Court.

Motion made seconded and passed we approve $242,725.00 for Public Welfare.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $36,875.00 for the County Extension Service.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $21,035.00 for interest on temporary loans, bond interest, and bond principal.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $58,275.00 for Fire Mutual Aid .

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $700.00 for Armory expense.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $4500.00 for the board and care of prisoners.

Motion made, seconded and passed $4,400.00 be approved for the Cheshire Hospital.

After a lot of questions it was moved, seconded and passed to approve $20,000.00 for New Hope Center.

The motion was made and seconded a committee be appointed to study New Hope Center and similar organizations as to the feasibility of funding by the county, towns, state or nation. An amendment was offered to refer the matter to the Executive Committee. The motion as amended passed.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $6,000.00 as equipment replacement reserve.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $2600.00 for soil conservation.

Motion made, seconded and passed $6000.00 be approved for radio communications.

Motion made seconded and passed we appropriate $160,-383.00.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $41,552.00 for administrative expense at Maplewood.

Motion made, seconded and passed $74,301.00 be approved for plant operation at Maplewood.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $54,300.00 for dietary costs at Maplewood.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $6500.00 for laundry and linen at Maplewood.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $16,428.00 for housekeeping at Maplewood.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $164,861.00 for nursing at Maplewood.

Motion made, seconded and passed $22,866.00 be approved for special services at Maplewood.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $38,815.00 for the county jail.

Motion made, seconded and passed we approve $83,675.00 for the county farm.

Motion made, seconded and passed the request for funds from the Senior Citizens be referred to the Executive Committee and said committee will bring a recommendation back to the convention.

Motion made, seconded and passed the sheriff's request for five men and two cruisers be indefinitely postponed.

Motion made, seconded and passed we accept the report on micofilming of the records of register of deeds and probate for $10,447.49 and put it out for bids not to exceed $10,500.00.

On the matter of TRACE — Criminal Record Information it was decided in view of the confusion, to withhold action for 60 to 90 days, until we find out who is going to pick up the tab, and to hold up any expenditure of any funds.

Motion made, seconded and passed the delegation go on record any further matters be referred to the executive committee.

The total budget for the county is $1,192,003.00. The amount to be raised by taxes by the city and towns is $699,-012.00.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

APRIL 5, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham at 9:35 a.m. in the Capitol. The following were present: Messers Galloway, Edward Johnson, O'Neil, Whipple, Hackler, Savage, Forcier, Milbank, Raymond, Saunders, Heald, Streeter, Mesdames Ladd, Dunham, Gordon and Scranton.

Rep. O'Neil explained that any bill dealing with a problem involving only one county is referred to that county delegation. The bill could be sent to Municipal and County Government.

It was suggested the bill be held until after the court ruling.

The motion was made, seconded and passed HB711 be laid on the table to a date certain.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 12, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond in the Appropriations room in the State House in Concord at two p.m. The following members were present: Messers Edward Johnson, Hackler, Forcier, Raymond, Saunders, Heald, Mesdames Dunham, Gordon and Scranton.

Motion made, seconded and passed the following resolution be adopted:

Be it resolved that the County Attorney is directed as of this date to immediately take the necessary action to petiion the Courts for an immediate hearing of actions noe pending in reference to County of Cheshire vs City of Keene.

By the Executive Committee, Cheshire County Convention, April 12, 1973. Signed: Sumner W. Raymond
Anne B. Gordon
Janet W. Dunham
Cleon Heald
Michael Saunders
Edward A. Johnson
Homer Forcier
Jacob M. Hackler
Andrea Scranton

A copy of this resolution is on file with these minutes.

The meeting accepted the invitation to visit the Hinsdale Race Track on Thursday, April 26th.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

MAY 3, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham in room 106 in the State House in Concord at 9:45 p.m. The following members were present: Messers Galloway, Edward Johnson, Elmer Johnson, Whipple, Hackler, Savage, Milbank, Raymond, Ames, Saunders, Heald, Close, Drew, Mesdames Turner, Gordon and Dunham.

It was agreed that the Chairman should ask for an extension of six days on HB711.

After considerable discussion of how to expedite action on the zoning question it was agreed the chairman should work with Reps. Saunders and Raymond to draw up a resolution to present to the convention for action.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

MAY 9, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham at 4:25 p.m. in room 106 in the State House in Concord. The following were present: Messers Galloway, Edward Johnson, Stevens, Elmer Johnson, Whipple, Hackler, Savage, Forcier, Yardley, Milbank, Ames, Streeter, Close, Nomes, Drew, Mesdames Ladd, Dunham, Gordon and Scranton.

After discussion the motion was made, seconded and passed we accept the resolution as presented.

The resolution follows.

Resolved by the House of Representatives:

Whereas, there is pending before the House of Representatives House Bill 711, an act relative to the location of the proposed Cheshire County courthouse, and

Whereas, said bill provides for a courthouse to be located at Fuller Park, on county land in the city of Keene, notwithstanding any zoning ordinance, and

Whereas, the city of Keene has enacted a zoning ordinance which would prohibit the location of a courthouse at said location, and

Whereas, questions have arisen as to the need for the proposed act.

Now, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Justices of the Supreme Court be respectfully requested to give their opinion upon the following questions:

Is a statute such as House Bill 711 necessary or is a county exempt from compliance with zoning ordinances of a town or city?

Be it further resolved that the Speaker transmit seven copies of this resolution and seven copies of House Bill 711 to the clerk of the supreme court for consideration by said court.

Meeting adjourned 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

MAY 23, 1971
Concord, N. H. State House — 1:46 p.m.

At a meeting held in Representatives Hall the Cheshire County Delegation held an executive meeting in regards to H.B. 711. After discussion by the group a motion was made by Rep. Hackler as follows: To suspend Rule 43 and report H.B. 711 Ought to pass. This was seconded by Rep. Helie.

Present were as follows: Nims, Whipple, Slicer, Ames, Turner, Johnson, Ed., Drew, Savage, Heald, Scranton, Streeter, Saunders, Milbank, Yardley, Galloway, Helie, Hackler and Dunham.

Respectfully submitted,
JANET W. DUNHAM,
Chairman

JUNE 6, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham in room 107 in the State House in Concord at 6:30 p.m. The following were present; Messers Galloway, Slicer, Whipple, Hackler, McGinness, Savage, Forcier, Yardley, Milbank, Heald, Streeter, Close, Nims, Mesdames Ladd, Dunham, Turner and Scranton.

There was a general discussion of HB 711 and the proposed amendment. The amendment is approved by bond council.

Motion made, seconded and passed the amendment be submitted to the Senate. 13 in favor, 2 opposed and 3 abstentions. A copy of the amendment is on file.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

JUNE 28, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham at 10:30 a.m. in room 108 in the State House in Concord. Present were the following; Messers Edward Johnson, Stevens, Slicer, Whipple, Hackler, McGinness, Savage, Forcier, Yardley, Milbank, Helie, Raymond, Ames, Saunders, Heald, Streeter, Close, Nims, Drew, Mesdames Scranton, Turner, Ladd, Dunham and Gordon.

The meeting was called to discuss the Court House situation. It was suggested that the Chairman should sit down and discuss things as the chairman is the acting person for the delegation. The Chairman feels she is only one person and wants others to aid her and back her up.

Rep. Helie stated he called or wrote his constituents asking them to a public hearing to discuss the Court House. Also the notice of the meeting was carried on both radio stations and in the newspaper. Not one person came to the hearing.

Mr. Ames moved and it was seconded that the Cheshire County Convention order the Commissioners of Cheshire County to take the following action:

1. Notify the Mayor and Council of the City of Keene, N. H. in writing, no later than July 14, 1973, to vacate the premises at Fuller Park, Washington Street, City of Keene, prior to September 15, 1973.

2. Make all arrangements for the County to demolish the buildings and fill the cellar hole, work to be done after September 15, 1973 as soon as funds are available.

3. Arrange with the City of Keene for Cheshire County to be responsible as of September 1, 1973 for payment of rent and/or other expenses in connection with the County Surplus Foods program.

Mr. Raymond spoke against the motion. In 1970 the County had offered Keene the opportunity to use the armory for five years after the court house was started. Keene has taken no action on this offer. The question seemed to be a matter of liability insurance.

Mr. Savage recalled that in 1970 a straw vote of the convention showed 15 to 4 in favor of Fuller Park as the court house site. Keene was asked to vacate Fuller Park but it was agreed they could stay until more action was taken. The original lease had expired. The County agreed that the surplus food program could be moved if no cost to the county. Keene paid rent for store in new location. Lease of Fuller Park has been on a year to year basis. Keene refused to carry liability insurance so at present there is no lease. The county carries liability.

Mr. Stevens and Mr. Drew spoke in opposition to the motion.

Mr. Milbank suggested the old building be taken down and the motion be amended by striking out paragraph #1.

Motion made, seconded and passed that debate be limited.

Motion made and seconded the motion be tabled until after the declaratory judgment. Motion failed.

On a roll call vote the motion passed 15 in favor and 8 opposed.

Ayes

Johnson Edward, Ladd, Slicer, Hackler, McGinness, Savage, Forcier, Gordon, Yardley, Helie, Ames, Saunders, Heald, Streeter, Nims.

Nays

Stevens, Whipple, Milbank, Turner, Raymond, Close, Drew, Scranton.

Motion made, seconded and passed the commissioners be instructed to ask the fire marshal to inspect the buildings at

Fuller Park and return their findings as soon as possible. Scranton and Close abstained.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 20, 1973

Chairman Raymond called the meeting to order in the Commissioners' office in the Court House in Keene at 11:10 a.m. The following members were present: Heald, Raymond, Hackler, Scranton, Saunders, Edward Johnson, Gordon and Commissioner Savage.

Prior to opening the meeting Chairman Raymond told of a meeting he attended where plans of a 150 bed nursing home facility, to be operated as a business, were discussed. The cost per day would be $24.00 per patient. We have 44 at the county facility at the present time.

The second quarterly report of the commissioners was reviewed on a line item basis. The motion was made, seconded and passed that the reports as read be accepted.

No time limit was set on the Fire Marshals report but he will set one when he comes to inspect the work that has been done.

The city will pay liability insurance on the armory in the form of lease arrangements. This amounts to $92.00 a year. The total insurance on the property is $651.00. The motion was made, seconded and passed that no further consideration be given to this matter of the armory until after the Supreme Court decision.

Commissioner Savage explained that to continue the present agreement with the city in regard to a woman officer in the probation department, as agreed to at a previous meeting in June, the county will need to authorize the spending of $1400.00 to take advantage of Federal funds and grants. The city pays ⅔ of the cost and the county ⅓. This has been working very well and should be continued. There is some question of funds continuing to be available.

Motion made, seconded and passed the County appropriate $1400.00 until September 1, 1974 to continue this program.

The bid on the sewage disposal system at the county facilities in Westmoreland is $238,955.00. The work will start in mid-September.

There are many things to consider in building a new county hospital. The state pays $16.00 per capita for an approved hospital but only $14.00 and $9.00 to Cheshire County.

The County Attorney is too busy to handle all his work and needs help.

Meeting adjourned 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

SEPTEMBER 6, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham in the Court House in Keene at 7:40 p.m. The following were present; Galloway, Stevens, Ladd, Slicer, Whipple, Dunham, Hackler, McGinness, Savage, Forcier, Gordon, Yardley, Turner, Helie, Raymond, Ames, Heald, Streeter, Nims, Drew, Scranton, Commissioners Savage, Lewis, Mr. Eldrige, Mr. Waterman and media.

Under Article (1) Commissioner Savage reported on the sewage disposal system. They received three bids, the lowest was $238,955.00. This is more than was provided for in bonding. The difference could be made up by using capital reserve funds so there is no problem in financing. It will be necessary for the convention to appropriate the funds. They hope to start work about Oct. 1st.

After numerous questions and answers the motion was made to lay the matter on the table until more information is available in writing. Motion not seconded.

Mr. Raymond moved that a typed summary of what they hoped to accomplish; the amount of money originally voted by the delegation for engineering purposes; the sum voted as a bond issue; the final total the commissioners believe will apply for the actual contract and final cost be submitted to the delegation. Motion seconded and carried.

Under Article (2) Mr. Eldredge reported for the commissioners that it will be two weeks before figures will be available for the new jail facilities at Westmoreland. There will be cells for juveniles and women. No basic changes since original plans.

They are aiming at Oct. 15th for contract bids. The 1969-71 delegation authorized the bonding for the new jail.

Under Article (3) Commissioner Savage reported that a written report had been sent to all convention members. The commissioners asked that a committee be appointed to work with the commissioners, to explore the various possibilities and report back to the convention.

Mr. Streeter suggested the County might take over the old Elliot hospital building and run a nursing home and hospital there. The County could run a nursing home and the College could run a nursing school. There are plenty of teachers and not enough nurses.

The suggestion was made that a 100 bed nursing home could be built so it could be expanded by adding a second floor.

Mr. Raymond moved, seconded by Mr. Streeter, the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved—

That five members of the Convention be named by the Chairman as a Building Committee to meet with the County Commissioners and to discuss and study the overall County Hospital and Home situation.

Including, but not limited to, the needs, possible solutions, present and anticipated regulations, locations and possible or available financial aids.

The Building Committee to make every effort to work with the County Commissioners, and to report their findings, with recommendations, at the earliest possible date — but not later than December 10, 1973 — at a duly called meeting of the County Convention.

Mr. Ames and Mr. Nims spoke against the resolution.

A roll call was requested and is as follows:

Ayes

Galloway, Stevens, Ladd, Slicer, Whipple, Hackler, McGinness, Savage, Gordon, Turner, Raymond, Streeter.

Nays

Forcier, Yardley, Helie, Ames, Heald, Nims, Scranton.

Mr. Drew abstained. 12 voting in favor and 7 against the motion carried.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Waterman for attending the meeting.

Under Article (4) Commissioner Savage mentioned the action taken at the annual meeting to use $50,000 of the federal funds for salaries for Mutual Aid and the remaining $100,000 plus for possible emergency use in our building projects.

Mr. Hackler moved, seconded by Mr. Streeter that $50,000 be used for salaries for Mutual Aid and the balance be held for possible emergency in completing our building projects. Motion passed.

Mr. Raymond gave a report of the Executive Committee meeting August 29th.

Chairman Dunham appointed Ladd (chairman), Stevens, Streeter, Whipple and Raymond as the Building Committee to work with the commissioners on the nursing home situation.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 1973

The meeting was held in Westmoreland at 11 a.m. Those present were the commissioners Lewis, Savage, Barrett, Committee members Dunham, Gordon, Whipple, Mr. and Mrs. Waterman, and Mr. Billings of Hospital Services.

Mr. Lewis gave a brief introduction of the situation and turned the meeting over to Mr. Billings.

Mr. Billings said to be eligible for Hill Burton money the nursing home must be within five miles of a hospital. As of October the Federal law says the state has to go into intermediate care under medicaide. New rules, regulations and standards are in the works and due out soon. These have been help up for printing. Life Safety Code will be required in Medicaide act. Present buildings do not meet these standards. As soon as regulations are passed every one will be given one year to meet regulations. You satisfy the state that you are reasonably safe but must have a plan to meet standards in two years. You will be monitored every six months. You will have one year to decide and two years to build. Penalty for not meeting standards will be no Federal funds. There is some possibility of a waiver in existing buildings but exact procedure is not known. Substandard building needs remodeling. The front area is not fire resistant although the rest is. Remodeling will be for function

not Life Safety code. The parking is poor. Grounds to get out on are poor.

The advantages of building in Westmoreland are the availability of local help, good doctor care, new sewage plant and quality of care.

The type of building can be one, two or three story. If plenty of land one story. You save on elevators and get more use of ground space. It is important to get people to the dining room and not the food to them. Outside of Keene can have much better control of alcohol problem.

Following a delicious dinner the committee inspected the proposed site for the nursing home.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ladd in the jury room at the Court House in Keene at 6:40 p.m. Those present were Ladd, Whipple, Streeter, Turner, Raymond, Dunham, Gordon, Commissioners Savage, Lewis, and Dick Baybutt.

Mr. Baybutt brought the plans for the Sullivan County nursing home with him. Committee members asked him questions and a general discussion was held on the merits of a one or two story building. The cost of a building is about $16,000.00 a bed. It is important to get a contractor so that you know where you are dollar and cents wise. The Sullivan home was not constructed to add a third floor.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

OCTOBER 24, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dunham at 7:35 p.m. in the jury room at the Court House in Keene. The following were present: Galloway, E. A. Johnson, Ladd, Slicer,

Whipple, Dunham, Hackler, Savage, Forcier, Gordon, Milbank, Turner, Raymond, Saunders, Heald, Streeter, Drew, Scranton, and Muriel Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Waterman, Commissioners Barrett and Lewis.

The meeting was called to consider the increased costs of the sewage disposal system at Westmoreland.

Motion made, seconded and passed the delegation approve the commissioners awarding the contract at $298,800.00 and that commissioners proceed with the work as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Raymond at 10:15 a.m. in the conference room at the Administration Building at Keene State College. Present were Raymond, Streeter, Gordon, Dunham, Whipple, Ladd, Savage, Lewis, Barrett, Waterman, Redfern, Mallat, Meyers, Gustafson.

Mr. Raymond said the meeting had been called to explore the possibilities of using the old Elliot Hospital as a county nursing home. He turned the meeting over to Mr. Streeter.

Mr. Streeter said he wanted to see if there was any way to cooperate with KSC to use Elliot as a nursing home. The college could run a nursing school in conjunction with a 120 bed nursing home. There is a need to train nurses for the elderly. Cost to modernize would be about a million dollars according to a contractor he contacted. Mr. Billings would approve the location.

Mr. Raymond said Billings cannot ok locations that is a Federal regulation.

Mr. Mallat pointed out the building does not meet the Life Safety Code.

Mr. Redfern saw a serious problem of putting large groups of elderly in the middle of a noisy group of ebullient young people.

Mr. Mallat said 30-40,000 feet of land is now in use. The

boilers need extensive repairs and also the rest of the building. It would cost $150,000 to meet Life Safety code. A model showing the present plans for use of the Elliot building was demonstrated. If used for a nursing home a replacement for the college must be built.

Mr. Gustafson said the University and Cheshire Hospital were considering a nursing school.

Meeting recessed at 11:20 a.m.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Ladd at 11:25 a.m.

The commissioners said about 10 architects want to submit plans and asked if we want to meet with all of them.

It was agreed that all things being equal a local contractor and architect be used.

Center control with view of all corridors seems most practical method of construction.

Motion was made, seconded and passed we meet at 12 noon across from OK Fairbanks on Nov. 16th to visit the Sullivan County nursing home.

It was agreed we should visit the Rockingham County home also.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 1973

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond at 11 a.m. Nov. 13, 1973 in the Commissioners' office. Those present were Raymond, E. Johnson, Dunham, Heald, Forcier, Saunders, Gordon, Commissioners Savage, Lewis, and Barrett.

The financial report for the nine months ending Sept. 30, 1973 were gone over on a line item basis.

It was explained that the $12,000 overage under item 235.3 was due to the fact that Swanzey paid for care over and above the year they were responsible for. The State assessed the County for the amount due Swanzey.

It was suggested the sheriff should buy his gas from the city pump instead of from a friend.

Motion made, seconded and passed the reports be accepted.

Mr. Savage explained there was a need for a new large tractor at Westmoreland. The low bid was $3690.00 and with plow $3940.00.

Motion made, seconded and passed the Commissioners be authorized to trade the Case tractor and purchase a new Ford 700 tractor with plow for $3940.00 the amount to be taken from the equipment reserve fund of $12,000.00. It was a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee to authorize purchase of a Ford 700 tractor and plow for a sum not to exceed $3940.00.

Mr. Savage and Mr. Raymond spoke of the need for a 3M tape machine to record meetings. The total cost would be about $500.00. The transcriber costs $300.00. Tapes can be used over and over again. This would promote better communications and understanding. Tapes can be transcribed and certified.

Motion made, seconded and passed Chairman Dunham and Raymond, with the Commissioners, get figures on purchasing a 3M recording machine for use at hearings and County meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 16, 1973

The following members met at 12:15 p.m. in Keene: Streeter, Ladd, Whipple, Gordon and Mr. Waterman who drove us to Unity to see the Sullivan County nursing home. Arrived at the nursing home and had coffee and cake then a floor by floor tour of the entire building. A most interesting and informative experience.

It was agreed to meet 9 a.m., same place, Dec. 7, to visit the Rockingham nursing home. Mr. Waterman will make the arrangements which will include lunch.

Meeting adjourned 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 1973

Members Whipple, Gordon, Streeter, Savage and Mr. Waterman met at the Monadnock Region Association at 9:30 a.m. Mr. Waterman drove us to Brentwood to the Rochester County Nursing Home.

We had coffee and muffins on arrival and then toured the buildings. After lunch we went through the new wing which is under construction.

The three story new wing will house 100 patients with two people per room on two floors. The first floor will house administrative facilities and large physiotherapy and occupational therapy areas. Cost of the new wing is 2½ million dollars. Cost per bed $26,000.

The committee recommends a report be made to the county convention at the earliest possible time.

Respectfully submitted,
ANNE B. GORDON,
Clerk

REPORT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Cheshire County:

In keeping with the statutes of the State of New Hampshire, the Commissioners present their annual report for the year 1973.

A contract for the construction of a sewage disposal plant was awarded to the Norse Construction Corp. in October, and it is anticipated that the system will be in operation by midsummer of 1974.

Plans for the new jail are nearing completion, and bids for construction will be advertised early in 1974.

Considerable delay has been experienced in starting construction of the new Superior Court facilities based on the enforcement of zoning regulations by the City of Keene. To resolve the issue the Commissioners were authorized by the Delegation to bring an action in the Superior Court. Due to the

issues raised during the trial the Presiding Justice transferred the case directly to the Supreme Court. It is expected that a ruling will be handed down shortly after the first of the year.

During the school vacation the County sponsored under a grant from the State a Summer Youth Program which proved to be very successful, providing over a nine week period employment for 155 young people.

As of June 30, 1974 the surplus food program, which supplemented the needs of several thousand persons each year, will be discontinued by an action of Congress. We are hopeful that the Legislature of New Hampshired will have adopted a food stamp program by that date which will fill the void left by the loss of surplus foods.

The commissioners will miss Jacob Hackler, who died suddenly. His many years of service as a delegate to the County Convention are exemplified by his patient humor and wisdom in dealing with the many problems of county government.

Our thanks to the many interested persons and groups for their thoughtful recognition of our senior citizens at Maplewood Home and their gifts and deeds which contributed so much to the happiness and comfort of our elders.

Certainly we recognize and gratefully acknowledge the cooperation of all County Officials and employees.

Respectfully submitted,
HAROLD E. SAVAGE
DAVID A. BARRETT
RICHARD W. LOUIS

JOHN E RICH & COMPANY
Accountants and Auditors

January 21, 1974
Board of County Commissioners
Cheshire County
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Gentlemen:

We have examined the Balance Sheet of Cheshire County as at December 31, 1973, and the related Statements of Revenue and Expenses of the County and other County Activities for

the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In accordance with the accounting practices followed by municipalities, the accounts are kept on a modified accrual basis under which the more important revenue and expenses are accrued, except interest on outstanding indebtedness, which is paid together with matured indebtedness from appropriations of the following year. Expenditures for property, plant and equipment are expensed in the year of purchase.

In our opinion, the accompanying Balance Sheet and related Statements of Revenue and Expenses of the County and other County Activities present fairly the financial position of Cheshire County as at December 31, 1973 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles for municipalities applied on a basis consistent with the preceding year.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID L. CONNORS, C.P.A.
JOHN E. RICH & COMPANY
Accountants and Auditors

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

As at December 31, 1973

Assets

Cash on Hand and Checking Accounts		
Commissioners' Office Checking Account	$14,032	
Superior Court Checking Account	1,660	
Maplewood Checking Account	4,907	
Register of Deeds Petty Cash	50	
Maplewood Petty Cash	200	
Total Cash on Hand and Checking Accounts		$20,849

Capital Reserve Funds — Cash		
Capital Reserve Fund	$29,083	
Equipment Replacement Reserve	8,412	
Total Capital Reserve Funds Cash		37,495
Certificates of Deposit — Ashuelot National Bank		20,000
Accounts Due the County:		
Register of Deeds	$8,199	
Fire Mutual Aid	7,689	
Other	1,494	
Patients — County Farm	29,610	
Total Receivables		46,992
Amounts to be Raised in the Future for Retirement of Building Bonds		30,000
Due from Proceeds of Bonds Not Yet Issued (Architect's Fees for Jail and Sewer Study)		83,474
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds		124,346
TOTAL ASSETS		$363,156

Liabilities and Surplus

Accounts Payable:			
Commissioners' Office		$41,638	
Maplewood Farm		9,470	
Total Accounts Payable			$51,108
Accrued Liabilities:			
Payroll Taxes		$17,958	
Payroll Deductions		1,011	
Patient Deductions		716	
Total Accrued Liabilities			19,685
Building Bonds Payable			30,000
Unexpended Balance of Capital Reserve Funds			37,495
Unexpended Balance of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds			124,346
Surplus:			
Commissioners' Office			
Balance, January 1, 1973	$58,069		
Prior Year's Adjustment	9		

1973 Revenue — Exhibit B	$692,118			
1973 Expenses — Exhibit C	661,655			
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses		30,463		
Balance, December 31, 1973			$88,541	
Home, Hospital and Farm				
Balance, January 1, 1973		$5,492		
1973 Revenue — Exhibit B	$503,578			
1973 Expenses — Exhibit C	497,089			
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses		6,489		
Balance, December 31, 1973			11,981	
Total Surplus, December 31, 1973				100,522
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS				$363,156

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Receipts

Taxes — Cities and Towns	$699,012
Income — Home and Hospital — Exhibit B	289,072
Farm Income — Exhibit D	74,082
Reimbursement for Aid:	
Board and Care of Children	1,820
Old Age Assistance and Direct Aid	1,691
Dependent Soldiers	11
Sheriff's Department:	
Gas Tax Refund	380
Register of Deeds	70,629
Miscellaneous	425
Interest Income	264
Surplus	—
Fire Mutual Aid	7,689
Federal Revenue Sharing	50,621
TOTAL REVENUE	$1,195,696

Payments

Commissioners' Office:	
Administrative	$62,020
County Attorney	15,652
Register of Deeds	48,716
Register of Probate	2,700
Sheriff	28,379
Medical Referee	4,597
Maintenance of Court House	13,841
Superior Court	86,165
Public Welfare:	
Salaries	8,000
Surplus Food	11,453
Direct Aid	29,912
Soldiers' Aid	1,694
Surplus Foods Purchased	6,203
Old Age Assistance	59,334
Old Age Assistance — Alien	3,493
Old Age Assistance — APTD	28,501
Board and Care of Children	77,795
Other:	
County Extension Service	36,875
Interest — Temporary Loans	6,030
Interest — Bonds	1,035
Principal — Bonds	15,000
Fire Mutual Aid	58,275
Armory	652
Board and Care of Prisoners	7,427
Cheshire Hospital	4,400
New Hope Center	20,000
Equipment Replacement Reserve	6,000
Soil Conservation	2,600
Radio Communication	5,310
Microfilm — Registers of Deeds and Probate	8,108
Probation Services	1,488
TOTAL	$661,655
Home, Hospital and Farm	497,089
TOTAL EXPENSES	$1,158,744

SUPERIOR COURT

Salaries	$14,863
Jury Payrolls	17,999
State vs. Payrolls	24,458
Masters' Fees	2,712
Court Stenographer's Fees	16,215

Sheriff's and Deputies' Fees for Attendance in Court	5,019
Communications and Postage	877
Supplies	544
Printing, Binding and Books	1,601
Travel	388
Insurance	741
Equipment Repairs	136
New Equipment	612
Totals	$86,165

SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Description:	
Land and Buildings:	
(a) Court House	$300,000 00
(b) County Farm buildings and land	850,000 00
(c) Wood lot	300 00
(d) Armory, Washington Street	110,000 00
	$1,260,300 00

PUBLIC WELFARE

Direct Welfare

Keene	$19,071 53
Alstead	643 79
Chesterfield	1,840 77
Fitzwilliam	59 86
Gilsum	464 22
Hinsdale	984 54
Jaffrey	84 85
Marlborough	392 75
Sullivan	1,716 45
Swanzey	580 90
Troy	476 71
Walpole	578 77
Westmoreland	108 69
Winchester	2,908 44
	$29, 912 27

Aid to Dependent Soldiers

Keene	$598 96
Alstead	232 05
Hinsdale	61 18

Swanzey	30 00
Troy	366 52
Walpole	300 91
Westmoreland	16 51
Winchester	88 09
	$1,694 22

RELIEF TO COUNTY CHARGES

1973	Direct Relief	Dependent Soldiers	Brd. & Care of Children
January	$2,853 83	$679 54	$5,452 74
February	2,816 87	339 68	5,328 61
March	2,329 13	190 27	5,382 25
April	1,584 25	93 83	6,550 84
May	1,572 60	31 51	7,072 73
June	2,464 58	132 71	7,060 35
July	2,412 44	37 09	6,540 58
August	2,451 10	23 52	6,942 82
September	2,448 55	189 18	7,399 14
October	2,424 01	43 00	7,347 18
November	2,595 91	3 19	4,222 93
December	3,524 13	331 25	8,452 84
	$29,477 40	$2,095 04	$77,753 01

REPORT OF THE FRED D. HEMENWAY TRUST FUND

Income:		
March 16, 1973	$4,499 99	
Jan. 1, 1973 Balance in Cheshire Co. Savings Bank	1 00	
Interest from Cheshire Co. Savings Bank	143 31	
		$4,644 30
Expenditures:		
Case 1	$1,554 57	
2	1,259 78	
3	508 00	
4	232 50	
5	130 00	
6	21 00	
7	292 50	
8	644 95	
		4,643 30
Balance in Cheshire Co. Savings Bank		$1 00

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CHESHIRE COUNTY

To the Board of Commissioners for the County of Cheshire:

Gentlemen: I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the County of Cheshire for the year ending December 31, 1973.

RECEIPTS

	Amount of Tax
Alstead	$13,008 61
Chesterfield	28,114 26
Dublin	20,075 63
Fitzwilliam	21,347 83
Gilsum	5,060 85
Harrisville	13,036 57
Hinsdale	34,698 96
Jaffrey	56,032 80
Keene	265,680 48
Marlborough	15,622 92
Marlow	6,374 99
Nelson	7,814 96
Richmond	5,277 54
Rindge	33,888 10
Roxbury	1,943 25
Stoddard	18,712 55
Sullivan	3,327 30
Surry	5,822 77
Swanzey	40,913 17
Troy	20,040 67
Walpole	42,080 52
Westmoreland	10,806 73
Winchester	29,330 54
	$699,012 00
Income — Home and Hospital	289,072 00
Farm Income	74,082 00
Reimbursement for Aid	
Board and Care of Children	1,820 00
Old Age Assistance and Direct Aid	1,691 00
Dependent Soldiers	11 00
Sheriff's Department Gas Tax Refund	380 00
Register of Deeds	70,629 00
Miscellaneous	425 00

Interest Income	264 00
Fire Mutual Aid	7,689 00
Federal Revenue Sharing	50,621 00
TOTAL REVENUE	$1,195,696 00

REPORT OF CAPITAL RESERVE

January 1, 1973		
Keene Savings Bank	$2,409 42	
Interest during 1973	173 21	
Transfer from Cheshire County Savings Bank	26,500 66	
	$29,083 29	
Oct. 11 U.S. Treasury bill	24,041 50	
Balance in Keene Savings Bank		$5,041 79
U.S. Treasury bills		$24,041 50
January 1, 1973		
Cheshire County Savings Bank	$25,244 07	
Interest during 1973	1,256 59	
	$26,500 66	
Oct. 4 Transfer to Keene Savings Bank	$26,500 66	

Respectfully submitted,
PHILIP C. DYER,
Treasurer

COUNTY AUDITORS' REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1973
Cheshire County

COUNTY TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand — January 1, 1973	$6,742 32
Receipts — Year Ending December 31, 1973	1,769,719 38
	$1,776,461 70

Payments — Year Ending December 31, 1973	1,762,429 58	
Balance — December 31, 1973 — As Per Cash Book		$14,032 12
Balance in Ashuelot Nat'l Bank as Per Statement of Dec. 31, 1973	$16,043 78	
Less: Oustanding Orders	2,011 66	
Reconciled Bank Balance — As of December 31, 1973		$14,032 12

COUNTY FARM SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT

Total Amount of Receipts from Institution — Year Ending December 31, 1973	$359,538 54
Total Remittances to County Treasurer — Year Ending December 31, 1973	$359,538 54
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — January 1, 1973	$200 00
Superintendent's Balance on Hand — December 31, 1973	$200 00

INDEBTEDNESS — DECEMBER 31, 1973

Outstanding Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	None
Outstanding Long Term Notes	None
Outstanding Bonds	$30,000 00
Bills Owed by County	$55,685 72

COUNTY TAXES UNCOLLECTED — DECEMBER 31, 1973

County Taxes Due from Towns and Cities	None

Signed,
M. B. MOYNIHAN,
D. W. MORGAN,
County Auditors

Date, Jan. 22, 1974

SUMMARY OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS RECEIVED AND ANTICIPATED

1972 Entitlements		
	$45,352 00	
	43,520 00	
		$88,872 00

1973 Entitlements		
	$26,677 00	
	26,678 00	
	28,562 00	
		81,917 00
(Additional $28,562 00 received January 7, 1974)		
		$170,789 00
Interest Earned		3,818 13
		$174,607 13
Used in 1973		50,261 00
BALANCE, December 31, 1973		$124,346 13
Balance Invested as follows:		
Cheshire County Savings Bank		$38,280 98
U.S. Treasury Bills Due Feb. 14, 1974		$86,065 15

EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT ACT

Balance, January 1, 1973, Checking Account		$364 00
Receipts — Federal Government		544 00
Disbursements		
Salaries and Wages	$845 00	
Social Security	50 00	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	11 00	
Workmen's Compensation	2 00	
Total Disbursments		908 00
Balance, December 31, 1973, Checking Account		$0

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

11/ 6/72	Deposit, Keene Savings Bank	$6,000 00
11/14/73	Deposit, Keene Savings Bank	6,000 00
12/ 1/73	Interest to date	351 56
		$12,351 56
12/ 4/73	Withdrawal for new tractor for County Farm	3,940 00
	Balance	$8,411 56

CRIME CONTROL COMMISSION REPORT

1/ 1/73	Balance on hand from 1972	$1,933 88	
2/22/73	Grant awards	9,601 00	
		4,790 00	
	Paid by towns for monitors	2,215 45	
5/ 1/73	Payment for freight by Sheriff Dept.	20 90	
	Total receipts		$18,561 23
1/12/73	Benner Electric Service, supplies	$322 50	
4/24/73	Northeast Communications Co.	403 00	
5/ 1/73	Wright Communications, 51 Receivers	10,887 48	
5/ 1/73	General Electric Co., supplies	5,607 90	
8/ 1/73	Treasurer, State of N. H., repairs	29 49	
8/ 1/73	Motorola, receiver, etc.	928 00	
	Total Expenses		18,178 37
	Balance on hand		$382 86

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

Installation of a Base Station Unit at Hinsdale Police Headquarters plus four mobile units in the cruisers, purchased with monies from a Federal Grant (LEAA) Law Enforcement Assistance Act, and Town funds pretty much completed our program of replacement of radio equipment in Cheshire County from the old Low-Band system to the new four Channel High-Band System under the LEAA program.

The four channel system provides (a) Car to State Police Dispatch, Concord. (b) car to car channel common to every high-Band equipped cruiser in the State excepting State Troopers. (c) A Cheshire County Channel and (d) the High-Band Fire Channel or local Police Channel.

Monitor Radios were purchased, also with LEAA Funding, for each Police cruiser in the County. These were equipped

with the State Police cruiser frequencies. Similar monitor radios were installed in each State car equipped with our County Police Channel thus providing two-way communications between local and State Police cruisers. Cost of this project was $11,-816.00 — Federal $8,862.00, State $739.00 and Towns $2,954.00. No County Funds involved in this project.

With the replacement of existing low-band radio system practically completed, projects were prepared to receive funding for much needed additional equipment A mobile for the Superintendent's vehicle at the County Home. Four Walkie-Talkie hand held sets and three monitors on the County Channel for the Sheriff's Department at a cost of $6,060.00 — Federal $4,422.00, State $368.00 and County $1,270.00.

Antennas were removed from the old Tower at Hyland Hill and transferred to the new Tower which was erected late in 1972. The new Tower is higher by some 23 feet raising the Hi-Band Fire and Police antennas has increased our coverage in some of the fringe areas of the County.

A new Base Station for Low-Band fire to replace one put into service in 1953 was ordered. However, delivery is now not expected until about the end of March 1974.

We have also been instrumental in preparing projects for Federal Funding for new Police Base Stations for Jaffrey and Rindge as well as hand held walkie-talkie units for Swanzey, Alstead, Hinsdale, Jaffrey, Richmond, Rindge, Sullivan and Walpole.

Renovations of the Dispatch Center still are not completed because of the slow delivery of necessary parts. I am optimistic that this will be completed in the first quarter of 1974. This will greatly increase the efficiency of the operators who are working in one of the most complete Communications Centers in the Nation.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT C. CALLAHAN

CHESHIRE COUNTY HOME AND MAPLEWOOD HOSPITAL

Westmoreland, N. H.

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

As Administrator-Superintendent and Director of Nursing-Matron of Cheshire County Home and Maplewood Nursing

Home, and Cheshire County House of Correction, Jail, and Farm, we herein submit our annual report for 1973.

For the first time the farm is about breaking even, when its produce used by the institution is credited with wholesale value. A new cattle feeder has been constructed to handle our young stock and dry cattle more efficiently. The milking herd has been increased to sixty head. Average production per animal has dropped off due to the feed situation.

The swine operation has shown a financial gain due to the increased value of small piglets and pork.

The gardens were again able to produce sufficient vegetables for the winter.

A new spetic tank and leach fieldwas installed for cottage #3.

The parking areas and driveway were resurfaced.

The Jail and House of Correction census has been increasing this fall. Having increased the staff has made the Jail and the House of Correction run more smoothly and resulted in less friction among the inmates.

The Nursing Home has been running at full capacity most of the time. The State Department of Health and Welfare informed us that the buildings would not be able to pass the life safety code for intermediate care.

The Activities Program is still showing therapeutic value to the patients. Many people have either donated time or articles to be used in this department. Thus, little money has had to be used to support this program.

Many organizations have given time, gowns, lap robes, bed socks, cookies, flowers, and money to make life more pleasant for the elderly.

The chaplains and area clergy have done a marvelous job in providing a variety of religious services, and in bringing in groups from the churches to add to the services.

Doctors O'Connor, Sanctuary, and Tatem still continue to take care of the health needs. We all enjoy working with this dedicated staff.

The Environmental Engineers have started work on our new sewerage system with the Norsa Construction Company. Plans are to have this in operation by early summer.

We wish to express our thanks to the staff, Doctors, Commissioners, Sheriff and his department, County Attorney, Clerk of Court, Office Staff, Probation Department, and South-

Western Mutual Aid for their cooperation in making 1973 run smoothly.

Respectfully submitted.
HARRIET C. WATERMAN, R.N.
Director of Nursing and Matron
CHARLES R. WATERMAN, N.H.A.
Administrator and Superintendent

FOOD INVENTORY — JANUARY 1, 1974

Cooler	$262 41
Freezer	5,642 91
Storeroom	2,135 00
Root Cellar	857 50
	$8,897 82

INVENTORY OF MAPLEWOOD FARM

For the Year Ending December 31, 1973

Farm Equipment, Shop & Plumbing Supplies	$26,000 00
Boilerhouse, Laundry & Equipment	30,000 00
Hospital Equipment & Supplies	24,000 00
Freezer Plant Equipment	2,000 00
Furniture & Supplies	17,000 00
Groceries & Supplies	11,500 00
Wood & Fuel Oil	1,500 00
Livestock	38,000 00
Sawed Lumber	2,000 00
Hay, Grain & Ensilage	10,000 00
TV Cable	2,000 00
	$164,000 00

PRODUCE USED FROM THE FARM

VEGETABLES:		
Asparagus, 840 lbs.	.45	378 00
Beans, Shell, 10 bu.	6.00	60 00
Beans, String, 82 bu.	6.00	492 00
Beets, 30 crates	3.50	105 00
Beet Greens, 18 crates	3.50	63 00
Brocolli, 24½ crates	4.00	98 00
Cabbage, 610 lbs.	.10	61 00
Carrots, 42½ crates	5.00	212 50
Cauliflower, 10 crates	5.00	50 00
Celery, 17½ crates	4.00	70 00
Corn, 656 doz.	.60	393 60
Cucumbers, 22 crates	4.00	88 00

Eggplant, 8 crates	5.00	40 00
Lettuce, 10 crates	4.00	40 00
Melons, 11 crates	5.00	55 00
Onions, 33 crates	3.50	115 50
Parsnips, 49 crates	3.00	147 00
Peppers, 11 crates	6.00	66 00
Potatoes, 250 bu.	4.50	1,125 00
Radishes, 20 crates	2.50	50 00
Raspberries, 208 qts.	1.00	208 00
Rhubarb, 672 lbs.	.10	67 20
Spinach, 95 crates	2.00	190 00
Squash, Summer, 16 crates	3.00	48 00
Squash, Winter, 2000 lbs.	.05	100 00
Strawberries, 468 qts.	.75	351 00
Swiss Chard, 34½ crates	2.50	86 25
Tomatoes, 93 crates	4.00	372 00
Turnips, 40 crates	3.00	120 00
Watermelon, 20 crates	4.00	80 00
		$15,784 80
BEEF:		
1320 Lbs. Dressed Beef	@.75	$990 00
6510¼ Lbs. Dressed Beef	@.85	5,533 71
PORK:		
896 Lbs. Dressed Pork	@.60	537 60
1497 Lbs. Dressed Pork	@.65	937 38
FOWL:		
868 Lbs. Fowl	@.42	364 56
EGGS:		
1571 Doz. Eggs	@.60	942 60
1582½ Doz. Eggs	@.70	1,110 90

STOCK ON THE FARM — JANUARY 1, 1974

COWS:

62 Registered Holstein Cows
5 Registered Holstein Heifers (Over 2 years)
20 Registered Holstein Heifers (Over 1 year)
2 Grade Holstein Heifers (Over 1 year)
18 Registered Holstein Heifers (Under 1 year)
3 Steers for Meat (2 years old)

HOGS:

16 Brood Sows
7 Gilts
1 Service Age Boar
2 Small Boars

HENS:

200 Old Hens
225 Pullets

CHESHIRE COUNTY HOME — MAPLEWOOD HOSPITAL **Exhibit A**
COST STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973

	Total Amount	Cost Per Patient Day			
		Average	Full	Partial	Men's Dormitory
Direct Costs					
Dietary, including Food, Wages, and Supplies	$49,611 00	$2 04	$2 04	$2 04	$2 04
Nursing Care	166,148 00	6 82	11 68	5 84	2 27
Physicians and Special Services	13,244 00	54	54	54	54
Total Direct Costs	$229,003 00	$9 40	$14 26	$8 42	$4 85
Indirect Costs					
Administration	$47,736 00	1 96	1 96	1 96	1 96
Property and Plant Operations and Maintenance	70,083 00	2 87	2 87	2 87	2 87
Laundry and Linen	7,013 00	29	29	29	29
Housekeeping	14,849 00	61	61	61	61
Total Indirect Costs	$139,681 00	$5 73	$5 73	$5 73	$5 73
TOTAL COST	$368,684 00				
Cost Per Patient Day for the Year Ended December 31, 1973		$15 13	$19 99	$14 15	$10 58
Number of Patient Days*		24,377	8,532	8,532	7,313
Nursing Care Allocated		166,148	99,689	49,844	16,615
Percent of Total Nursing Care		100%	60%	30%	10%
Cost Per Patient Day for 1972		$13 95	$17 13	$12 36	$10 74
Cost Per Patient Day for 1971		$13 91	$17 13	$12 31	$10 70

Note: The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

*The percentage ratios were changed to 35, 35 and 30 in 1973 from 40, 40 and 20 in prior years.

Exhibit B

CHESHIRE COUNTY HOME — MAPLEWOOD HOSPITAL
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973 AND 1972

	Schedule	December 31, 1973	1972	Increase or (Decrease)
Income — Board and Care, and Drugs Sold to Patients — Exhibit B		$289,072	$250,254	$38,818
Less: Drugs Sold to Patients (Offset Against Drugs Purchased — See Schedule B-2)		11,049	9,381	1,668
Income — Board and Care		$278,023	$240,873	$37,150
Operating Expenses				
Dietary	B-1	49,611	46,060	3,551
Nursing Care	B-2	166,148	151,955	14,193
Other Services	B-3	13,244	10,337	2,907
Administration	B-4	47,736	40,072	7,664
Plant Operations	B-5	70,083	65,497	4,586
Laundry and Linen	B-6	7,013	5,915	1,098
Housekeeping	B-7	14,849	13,031	1,818
Total Operating Expenses		$368,684	$332,867	$35,817
NET DEFICIT —				
Home and Hospital		90,661	91,994	(1,333)
Jail Operating Cost — Exhibit C		58,813	46,554	12,259
Farm — Net Loss — Exhibit D		1,910	11,814	(9,904)
		$151,384	$150,362	$1,022

Comments on Operations

Exhibit A is a Cost Statement for the Cheshire County Home and Maplewood Hospital. The cost per patient day is based on total patient days of 24,377. The average cost per patient day was $15.13 for the year 1973 as compared with $13.95 for 1972. The increase is attributable to increased costs, most notably, those involving labor.

Exhibit B is a Statement of Income for the County Home and Maplewood Hospital. Total income amounted to $289,072 and total expenses, excluding the Jail and Farm, amounted to $368,684, resulting in a deficit of $90,661. The substantial increase in income did not make it necessary to use the $40,045 budgeted from Surplus.

In Schedules B-1 through B-7 are shown the details of the operating expenses for the County Home and Maplewood Hospital.

Schedule B-1

CHESHIRE COUNTY HOME — MAPLEWOOD HOSPITAL
COMPARATIVE DETAILS OF OPERATING EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973 AND 1972

	December 31, 1973	1972	Increase or (Decrease)
Dietary			
Food (Less Employees' Meals)	$25,496	$23,112	$2,384
Salaries	31,345	29,546	1,799
Supplies	1,189	1,340	(151)
Total	$58,030	$53,998	$4,032
Less: Meals to Jail	8,419	7,938	481
Totals — Exhibit B	$49,611	$46,060	$3,551

Nursing Care			**Schedule B-2**
Salaries — R.N.	$41,577	$37,084	$4,493
Salaries — Other	124,638	112,951	11,687
Supplies, Including Drugs	10,982	11,301	(319)
Total	$177,197	$161,336	$15,861
Less: Drugs Sold to Patients	11,049	9,381	1,668
Totals — Exhibit B	$166,148	$151,955	$14,193

Other Services			**Schedule B-3**
Rehabilitation	$5,719	$3,079	$2,640
Physicians	5,000	4,832	168
Purchased Services	1,825	1,776	49
Religion	700	650	50
Totals — Exhibit B	$13,244	$10,337	$2,907

Administration			**Schedule B-4**
Salaries	$18,554	$17,234	$1,320
Commissioners' Office Expense	5,600	5,200	400
Social Security	15,577	12,316	3,261
Insurance	8,612	6,012	2,600
Bad Debts	962	1,025	(63)
Communications	1,528	1,202	326
Supplies	850	489	361
Travel	1,357	1,047	310
Totals	$53,040	$44,525	$8,515
Allocation to Jail — 10%	5,304	4,453	851
Totals — Exhibit B	$47,736	$40,072	$7,664

Plant Operations			**Schedule B-5**
Salaries and Wages	$35,092	$31,784	$3,308
Fuel	13,315	11,680	1,635
Gas	752	691	61
Lights	6,102	5,573	529
Maintenance	7,331	4,988	2,343
Purchased Services	3,131	6,051	(2,920)
Supplies	4,930	4,725	205
Interest	2,500	2,500	
Depreciation	10,400	10,000	400
New Equipment	2,189	3,903	(1,714)
Totals	$85,742	$81,895	$3,847
Allocation to Jail — 8%	6,859	6,551	308
Totals	$78,883	$75,344	$3,539
Less: Rooms to Employees	8,800	9,847	(1,047)
Totals — Exhibit B	$70,083	$65,497	$4,586

Laundry and Linen			**Schedule B-6**
Salaries	$4,389	$3,561	$828
Supplies	2,624	2,354	270
Totals — Exhibit B	$7,013	$5,915	$1,098

Housekeeping			**Schedule B-7**
Salaries	$13,260	$12,048	$1,212
Supplies	1,589	983	606
Totals — Exhibit B	$14,849	$13,031	$1,818

Exhibit C

CHESHIRE COUNTY
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATING COSTS — JAIL
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973 AND 1972

	December 31 1973	1972	Increase or (Decrease)
Wages	$33,892	$24,070	$9,822
Social Security	1,983	1,252	731
Clothing and Supplies	1,722	1,874	(152)
Repairs and Maintenance	245	175	70
Insurance	389	240	149
Meals from Dietary	8,419	7,939	480
Administration	5,304	4,452	852
Property and Plant — Operations and Maintenanace	6,859	6,552	307
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	$58,813	$46,554	$12,259
Number of Days	4,127	4,386	(259)
Cost per Day	$14 25	$10 61	$3 64

NOTE: The higher cost per day is due to the decreased occupancy of the jail and an increase in wages.

Exhibit D

CHESHIRE COUNTY
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME — FARM
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1973 AND 1972

	December 31, 1973	1972	Increase or (Decrease)
Income			
Sale of Milk	$60,806	$51,277	$9,529
Sale of Livestock	5,454	5,198	256
Sale of Wood	4,085	215	3,870
Sale of Produce and Hay	2,246	686	1,560
Miscellaneous Income	1,491	1,916	(425)
Farm Income — Exhibit B	$74,082	$59,292	$14,790
Transfer of Produce to Dietary	15,566	13,417	2,149
Total Income	$89,648	$72,709	$16,939
Operating Expenses			
Wages	27,369	25,269	2,100
Feed, Bedding and Seed	35,265	27,252	8,013
Purchases — Pullets	675	450	225
Purchases — Pigs	50	20	30
Gasoline, Oil and Grease	1,092	851	241
Veterinary Fees and Supplies	1,369	1,128	241
Social Security Taxes	1,486	1,214	272
Breeding and Testing	1,711	1,127	584
Repairs to Building & Equipment	3,850	4,423	(573)
Occupancy, Heat, Light & Taxes	5,900	5,828	72
Supplies	1,763	1,697	66
Insurance	4,218	3,116	1,102
Rent of Land	1,085	1,059	26
Total Operating Expenses	$85,833	$73,434	$12,399
Net Operating Income (Loss)	$3,815	$(725)	$4,540
New Equipment Purchased	5,725	11,089	(5,364)
NET LOSS — Exhibit B	$1,910	$11,814	$9,904

PRISONERS AT CHESHIRE COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION — 1973

Name	Age	Time Served Wk.	Day
Adams, Timothy	25	5	
Alexander, Caren	16		1
Allen, Donald, Jr.	18	2	
Alley, Gary D.	20	2	
Anderson, Christopher	18	3	6
Arnold, Joseph L.	35		1
Arsenault, Joseph R.	41	6	3
Augustinowicz, Joseph	27	2	6
Ball, Richard	—		1
Baker, George	34	3	6
Bellavia, Andrew	19	3	3
Belliveau, Henry	20	10	5
Belliveau, Joseph	20	1	3
Bennett, James	27	1	3
Benware, Haskell	28		1
Bialobrzewski, Robert	26	4	
Billado, Amber	26		2
Black, Richard	37	1	
Blackmer, William	21	2	3
Blaisdell, Michael	25		2
Boisvert, Arthur	23		1
Bonn, Linda	—		2
Brady, John	20		1
Brandt, Enoch	67	4	2
Bronson, Lee	32	3	
Brown, James	25	5	6
Brown, Raymond	54		1
Brown, Theodore L., Jr.	22	2	6
Bryant, Dennis	26	2	4
Buckley, George	42		1
Burnett, Robert	—		1
Butler, William	50	2	6
Cadmus, William	17	1	1
Carter, Norman	30		1
Caron, Stanley	22	7	4
Chapin, Allen	20	6	2
Chase, Donald	41	9	
Clay, Lee J.	17		2
Cochran, Golin	25		1
Cochran, Richard	41	4	3
Cockin, George	34		1
Corbiere, John L.	26	2	6
Crawford, James	25	4	4
Croteau, Daniel	18		3
Cutter, Larry	27		1
Davis, Kenneth	23	20	2
Davis, Robert, Jr.	22	1	1
Deem, Bruce	41		1
Dockmonish, Nicholas	23	9	6
Dodge, John	17		3
Doody, James	19	7	
Dunton, Keith E.	19		1
Earle, Carl E., Jr.	19	14	5
Edwards, Johnny	33	2	3
Estes, Ina	14		1
Fannie, Lonnie	20	12	3
Fransworth, William	20	1	3
Fenn, Leon	32		3
Fish, Arnold	28	10	2
Fish, Florence	17		4
Fish, Gerald R.	39	1	3
Fletcher, Crosley	37		1
Fosburg, Leslie	29		1
Furness, Terry	23		1
Gabage, Joseph	24		2
Gagne, Bernard J.	20	5	6
Gambill, John	26		2
Gambill, William	27	3	
Gardiner, Arnold	31	3	
Gerow, Bruce	20		1
Gilman, Joseph, Jr.	22		1
Gokey, Frederick	59	2	6
Gold, Martin	22	3	6
Gordon, Brian	28	7	4
Gordon, Robert	21	2	
Gosslin, Jeffrey	18		1
Greene, David	29		1
Greenlaw, Ronald	18	12	1
Gregory, Lewis	49	3	5
Grover, Nancy	14		1
Hall, Levi Jr., Jr.	18	12	3
Hare, Michael	22	1	6
Hayes, Kenneth	21		4
Hayes, Roger, Sr.	28		3
Harirs, Verne	39	1	4
Hicks, Dennis	21	13	5
Hildreth, Henry	59		1
Hoffman, David	21	4	2
Hollomon, Guy	21		1
Holmberg, Ronald	23		1
Howe, Bryon	40	3	5
Hudson, Leland	31		1
Hudson, Robert	26	6	2
Hutson, Steven	23	4	2
Infante, Michele F.	18		1
Jefts, Donald	24		1
Johnson, Thomas	20	36	2
Kalinen, Paul	27		1
Konicki, Leonard	21	3	1
Krupinski, Roger A.	22	2	
Labshere, Arthur R.	27	5	2
La Clair, George	38		1
LaFond, Paul	29	3	4
Lamoreux, Joan	13		1
LaPlante, Clyde	53		1
Latham, Fred	19		1

Name	Age	Time Served Wk.	Day
Lemieux, Ray	53	2	6
Lussier, Michael	24		1
Maggiore, Paul	23	5	6
Matthews, Donald H.	52		3
Maynard, Ronald	25	19	6
McLarey, Judy	30		1
Meader, Edward	31	3	6
Merrill, Bruce	23	1	3
Miceli, Anthony	21	9	4
Miner, Michael	20	2	6
Moehle, Linda	17		1
Montgomery, Alton	29		1
Mullen, Wayne	20	3	3
Noble, Raymond	21	11	4
Olson, William	49		5
Oski, James	32		1
Ouellette, David	20	8	3
Paige, Beth	16		1
Paquette, Roger	33	3	1
Paquette, Thomas	33	3	
Parpa, John	22		6
Pascale, Richard	27		1
Pearl, David	20	1	3
Pelkey, Michael	19	1	3
Perrier, David	27		2
Provost, Judith	30		1
Rau, Norbert	19		2
Rhoades, Edward	—		1
Rhoades, Frank A.	32		2
Roach, Michael	23	3	5
Robie, Stephen, Jr.	31	2	4
Robinson, Dale	22	2	2
Robinson, Gordon	58	7	6
Rowlands, Duane	27	6	1

Name	Age	Time Served Wk.	Day
Savard, Michael	27		1
Savitz, Robert	22	19	4
Scarborough, Robert	41	7	2
Schofield, Thomas	27	4	4
Settles, Allen	17		1
Severnce, Edner	38		1
Simons, Patricia	26		2
Smart, Mervin	20	2	6
Smith, Alphonso	33		1
Smith, Dennis	23		1
Smith, Lawrence	23		3
Sorel, Edward	19	18	3
Stevens, Alberta	33		1
Stropparo, Craig J.	21		1
Sullivan, Michael	22	3	5
Sutton, Kathleen	19		1
Swain, Richard	27	8	5
Temple, John	26	7	5
Todd, John	26	26	
Truesdell, Elwin	59		5
Trussell, David	17	5	4
Van Etten, James	42		1
Vaughn, Ronald, Jr.	20	3	3
Vaynes, Rene A.	22	3	5
Vermette, Alfred	28	18	
Wheeler, Gary	25		1
Whipple, Rose	19		1
Wilbur, Jerry Dale	28	13	6
Wilder, Thomas R.	27	2	6
Willey, Morris	18		1
Wisell, Edward	25	1	6
Wright, Alan R.	22	1	2
Yound, Edward	30		1
Ziter, Michael	28		1

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

JANUARY TERM 1973

Cheshire County

To Charles J. Contas, Clerk

	Cr.	Dr.
To Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire	$7,029 42	
To Charges to County Return of 69 divorces		44 85

Mittimi and probation certificates			50 00
Capii			80 00
Entry fee, 40 State cases			200 00
Entry fee and order of notice, reciprocals			180 00
Entry fee and order of notice in actions filed by Office of Economic Opportunity			251 00
To Cash paid out			
Postage and incidentals			59 50
By credits:			
Fines received		$250 00	
2 Entries @ $5.00		10 00	
162 Entries @ $10.00		1,620 00	
60 Civil #15556-15617			
101 Equity #10950-11080			
42 Appeals		211 00	
1 Sessions #594			
Items chargeable to County		805 85	
Other fees for benefit of County		66 60	
Miscellaneous credits		198 83	
Drawn on County Treasurer:			
January 31, 1973	$1,665 52		
February 28, 1973	1,380 89		
March 31, 1973	1,686 08	4,732 49	
		$7,894 77	$7,894 77

The foregoing account is examined and allowed and there is found to be no balance due the Clerk from the County, and no balance due the County from the Clerk, through March 31, 1973.

/s/ WILLIAM R. JOHNSON

April 3, 1973 Presiding Justice.

A true copy, Attest: Charles J. Contas, Clerk

APRIL TERM 1973

Cheshire County

To Charles J. Contas, Clerk

	Cr.	Dr.
To Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		$12,714 51
To Charges to County		
Return of 92 divorces		59 80
Mittimi		75 00
Capii		85 00

Entry fee, 28 State cases			140 00
Entry fee and order of notice, reciprocals			265 00
Entry fee and order of notice in actions filed by Office of Economic Opportunity			323 00
To Cash paid out			
Postage and incidentals			193 60
By credits:			
Fines received		$2,045 00	
5 Entries @ $5.00		25 00	
270 Entries @ $10.00		2,700 00	
89 Civil #15618-15693			
178 Equity #11081-11276 (No entry fee on reciprocals and actions filed by Office of Economic Opportunity)			
83 Appeals		415 00	
3 Sessions #595-597			
Items chargeable to County		947 80	
Other fees for benefit of County		102 60	
Miscellaneous credits		1,589 26	
Drawn on County Treasurer:			
April 30, 1973	$1,091 87		
May 31, 1973	670 39		
June 30, 1973	542 87		
July 31, 1973	1,653 98		
August 31, 1973	2,072 14	6,031 25	
		$13,855 91	$13,855 91

The foregoing account is examined and allowed and there is found to be no balance due the Clerk from the County, and no balance due the County from the Clerk, through August 31, 1973.

/s/ JOHN W. KING

September 11, 1973 Presiding Justice.

A true copy, Attest: Charles J. Contas, Clerk

SEPTEMBER TERM 1973

Cheshire County

To Charles J. Contas, Clerk

	Cr.	Dr.
To Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire		$10,189 28
To Charges to County		
Return of 98 divorces		63 70

Mittimi			105 00
Capii			110 00
Entry fee 99 State cases			495 00
Entry fee and order of notice, reciprocals			110 00
Entry fee and order of notice in actions filed by Office of Economic Opporunity			369 50
To Cash paid out			
Postage and incidentals			71 50
Paid to County			429 94
By credits:			
Fines received		$2,638 00	
4 Entries & $5.00		20 00	
28 Entries @ $15.000		420 00	
4 Entries @ $20.00		80 00	
223 Entries @ $10.00		2,230 00	
63 Civil #15694-15799			
150 Equity #11277-11482 (No entry fee on reciprocals and actions filed by Office of Economic Opportunity)			
57 Appeals		285 00	
10 Sessions #598-607			
Items chargeable to County		1,253 20	
Other fees for benefit of County		525 70	
Miscellaneous credits		229 54	
Drawn on County Treasurer:			
September 30, 1973	$1,177 95		
October 31, 1973	—		
November 30, 1973	1,284 71		
December 31, 1973	1,799 82	4,262 48	
		$11,943 92	$11,943 92

The foregoing account is examined and allowed and there is found to be no balance due the Clerk from the County, and no balance due the County from the Clerk, through December 31, 1973.

/s/ WILLIAM R. JOHNSON

January 9, 1974. Presiding Justice.

A true copy, Attest: Charles J. Contas, Clerk

REPORT OF COUNTY ATTORNEY — 1973

The year 1973 has been a busy year for the County Attorney. The term of the Superior Court of Cheshire County has been extended so that at the present time, for all practical purposes, the Court is in session from the middle of September through the middle of June, with the exception of approximately a three (3) week period in December and another three (3) week period in April. The increase in the term was brought about principally as a result of a greatly increased volume in criminal cases. Approximately ⅔ of the cases tried by Jury in the Superior Court have been criminal cases and a substantial percentage of the non Jury cases are also criminal matters. Because of the fact that so many criminal cases were scheduled and tried, it became a problem finding time in which to properly prepare the cases.

Needless to say, the County Attorney was unable to appear in many cases in the District Courts throughout the County because of the demands on time by the Superior Court with respect to the generally more serious criminal matters. As a result, the Delegation has been asked to furnish the County Attorney with an Assistant and at the time of the writing of this report, an Assistant has been appointed by the Court.

One of the more important non-criminal cases handled by the Office of the County Attorney involved litigation between the City of Keene and the County over the application of City Zoning Regulations to land owned by the County in the City, particularly with reference to land located on Fuller Park which the County proposed to use as the site for a new Courthouse. Hearings were held in the Superior Court with preliminary rulings in favor of the County. An appeal to the State Supreme Court was taken and the County's position was briefed and argued by your County Attorney. The decision by the Supreme Court in that case supported the County's position and created new law for the State of New Hampshire in the area of Zoning as it applied to other Municipal Governments.

Numerous Law Enforcement Agencies, including the Sheriff's Office, State Police, City Police and Local Police Departments, as well as the County Administrative Offices and Delegation have called on the County Attorney for advice relative to many varied problems. With the increasing complexities of the criminal law as well as laws affecting the administration of County Government, I expect that this area of activity will increase in volume. The appointment of an Assistant Attorney will assist greatly in this area.

I would particularly like to thank the Sheriff's Department for their cooperation and willingness to help whenever requested. Also, I would like to thank the staff of the New Hampshire Probation Department in Cheshire County. Thanks to their efforts, we have been able to arrive at alternative methods of sentencing, other than commitment to the House of Correction or State Prison. Individuals placed on probation are actively followed by the Probation Department and violations strictly enforced in the event that they occur. Recidivism has decreased and commitments to the County Jail and House of Correction is generally reserved to chronic troublemakers and second offenders. As a further result, rehabilitation of first offenders has been vastly improved and there has been a substantial economic savings to the County.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD J. O'BRIEN,
County Attorney

SHERIFF'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners and Citizens of Cheshire County:

As Sheriff of Cheshire County, I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1973.

Investigations

Accidental Shooting	1
Alarms Answered	9
Assault	17
Attempted Burglary	4
Breaking & Entering	29
Burglary	148
Domestic	5
Drug Investigations	3
Harassment	6
Larceny	83
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	2
Malicious Destruction	26
Missing Persons	9
Morals Complaints	3
Passing Forged Instrument	4
Robbery	3

Suspicious Persons		5
Threats		4
Worthless Checks		13
Miscellaneous		140
Sudden Deaths		
Accidents	3	
Drowning	3	
Fire	2	
Murder	1	
Natural	23	
Suicide	2	
		34
Juvenile Respondents		15
Minors to Industrial School		20
Patients to State Hospital		27

Arrests Made

Assault	15
Attempted Burglary	2
Attempted Larceny	1
Attempted Murder	1
Burglary	31
Contempt of Court	34
Delinquent	2
Drunk & Disturbing the Peace	1
Escape	5
Fugitive from Justice	2
Larceny	16
Larceny by Check	2
Larceny of Motor Vehicle	1
Lewd & Lascivious	1
Malicious Destruction	8
Mittimus	3
Motor Vehicle Violations	8
Non Support	1
Passing Forged Instrument	1
Possession Controlled Drugs	2
Receiving Stolen Property	6
Robbery	1
Statutory Rape	1
Taking without Authority	1
Violation Parole	1
Violation Probation	5
Violation Restraining Order	1
Violation Unemployment	24

The following is an Account of Expenses for Superior Court Sessions for 1973

JANUARY TERM 1973

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham		
Court Attendance 22 days @ $22.00	$484 00	
Mileage, 32 mi. per day, 22 days @ $3.20	70 40	
One meal per day, 22 days @ $2.00	44 00	
		$598 40
Deputy Sheriff Robert L. Bonner		
Court Attendance 14 days @ $22.00	$308 00	
Mileage, 14 mi. per day, 14 days @ $1.40	19 60	
One meal per day, 14 days @ $2.00	28 00	
		355 60
Deputy Sheriff William F. Smith		
Court Attendance 11 days @ $22.00	$242 00	
Mileage, 36 mi. per day, 11 days @ $3.60	39 60	
One meal per day, 11 days @ $2.00	22 00	
		303 60
Deputy Sheriff Arthur Rivard		
Court Attendance 1 day @ $22.00	$22 00	
Mileage, 36 mi. per day, 1 day @ $3.60	3 60	
One meal per day, 1 day @ $2.00	2 00	
		27 60

SPECIAL SESSION MARCH 8, 1973

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham		
Court Attendance 1 day @ $22.00	$22 00	
Mileage, 32 mi. per day, 1 day @ $3.20	3 20	
One meal per day, 1 day @ $2.00	2 00	
		27 20

APRIL TERM 1973

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham		
Court Attendance 14 days @ $22.00	$308 00	

Mileage, 32 mi. per day, 14 days @ $3.20	44 80	
One meal per day, 14 days @ $2.00	28 00	
		380 80
Deputy Sheriff Robert L. Bonner		
Court Attendance 28 days @ $22.00	$616 00	
Mileage, 14 mi. per day, 28 days @ $1.40	39 20	
One meal per day, 24 days @ $2.00 (4 days out for Jury dinner)	48 00	
		703 20
Deputy Sheriff William F. Smith		
Court Attendance 7 days @ $22.00	$154 00	
Mileage, 36 mi. per day, 7 days @ $3.60	25 20	
One meal per day, 6 days @ $2.00 (1 day out for Jury dinner)	12 00	
		191 20
Deputy Sheriff Vernon D. Fowler		
Court Attendance 15 days @ $22.00	$330 00	
Mileage, 40 mi. per day, 15 days @ $4.00	60 00	
One meal per day, 13 days @ $2.00 (2 days out for Jury dinner)	26 00	
		416 00
Deputy Sheriff Wesley Ryan		
Court Attendance 1 day @ $22.00	$22 00	
Mileage, 40 mi. per day, 1 day @ $4.00 (Jury dinner)	4 00	
		26 00
Deputy Sheriff Arthur Rivard		
Court Attendance 1 day @ $22.00	$22 00	
Mileage, 36 mi. per day, 1 day @ $3.60	3 60	
One meal per day, 1 day @ $2.00	2 00	
		27 60

SPECIAL SESSION SEPTEMBER 4, 1973

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham		
Court Attendance 1 day @ $22.00	$22 00	
Mileage, 32 mi. per day, 1 day @ $3.20	3 20	
One meal per day, 1 day @ $2.00	2 00	
		27 20

SPECIAL SESSION SEPTEMBER 5, 1973

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham		
Court Attendance 1 day @ $22.00	$22 00	
Mileage, 32 mi. per day, 1 day @ $3.20	3 20	
One meal per day, 1 day @ $2.00	2 00	
		27 20

SEPTEMBER TERM 1973

Deputy Sheriff Ralph R. Winham		
Court Attendance 39 days @ $22.00	$858 00	
Mileage, 32 mi. per day, 39 days @ $3.20	124 80	
One meal per day, 39 days @ $2.00	78 00	
		1,060 80
Deputy Sheriff Robert L. Bonner		
Court Attendance 14 days @ $22.00	$308 00	
Mileage, 14 mi. per day, 14 days @ $1.40	19 60	
One meal per day, 14 days @ $2.00	28 00	
		355 60
Deputy Sheriff William F. Smith		
Court Attendance 5 days @ $22.00	$110 00	
Mileage, 36 mi. per day, 5 days @ $3.60	18 00	
One meal per day, 5 days @ $2.00	10 00	
		138 00

Deputy Sheriff Vernon D. Fowler		
Court Attendance 12 days @ $22.00	$264 00	
Mileage, 40 mi. per day, 12 days @ $4.00	48 00	
One meal per day, 12 days @ $2.00	24 00	
		336 00
		$5,002 00

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE W. SCHNYER,
Sheriff

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CHESHIRE COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

1973

Extension Service Personnel:

Bruce A. Clement, County Agricultural Agent
Shirley M. Kendall, Extension Home Economist
Marcius R. Butterfield, 4-H Youth Development Agent
John R. Ferguson, Jr., County Forester
Clerks: Esther I. Smith
Beaturice A. Griswold

Combined Total Fiscal Summary 1973:

County	$37,397 38
State and Federal	27,885 00
Combined County, State and Federal	$65,282 38

County Budget Summary 1973:

Balance on hand January 1, 1973	$522 38
Appropriation 1973	36,875 00
Total County Funds	$37,397 38

Funds Expended	36,557 48
Balance on hand January 1, 1974	$839 90

Breakdown of 1973 Expenses:

Salaries (agents and clerks)	$26,687 64
Work Study Aide	110 86
Travel (agents)	4,515 73
Travel (council members)	144 84
Express, parcel post	4 68
Telephone, postage	1,578 33
Rents (office, halls, equipment)	92 30
Repairs to equipment	142 35
Supplies	1,284 80
Equipment	1,152 15
Taxes (Social Security	694 84
Misc. (insurance, bank service charges)	148 96
	$36,557 48

1973 Extension Service Council

Mrs. Marie McCarthy, Keene, Chairman
Calvin Frink, Surry, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Barbara Haggart, Keene, Secretary
Mrs. Virginia Strout, Alstead, Treasurer
Archie Coll, Jr., Jaffrey
Walter Derjue, Westmoreland
Norbert Hudson, Walpole
Mrs. Nancy Griswold, Keene
Mrs. Barbara Eaton, Keene
Bruce Amadon, Keene
Paul Galloway, Walpole
Allan Plumb, Marlow
Mrs. Virginia Turner, Sullivan, County Delegation

1973 BUDGET CHESHIRE COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

Salaries:	
Agents (4)	$15,845 00
Clerks (2)	13,260 00
Work Study	200 00
Travel:	
Agents	4,800 00
Transportation (inc. parcel post, express)	25 00
Telephone, postage	1,700 00
Rents	4,100 00
Printing	100 00

Repairs to equipment	150 00
Supplies	1,400 00
Equipment	900 00
Taxes (Social Security)	780 00
Miscellaneous (insurance, bank ser. chgs.)	100 00
Anticipated balance	1,162 90
TOTAL	$44,522 90

Appropriation request 1974: $433,683.00

FIRE MUTUAL AID

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners, Members of the County Delegation and Voters of Cheshire County.

It is a pleasure to submit to you the Annual Report for 1973.

Fire Report

Auto Accidents	292
Grass & Brush	245
Car & Truck Fires	173
Chimney	67
Electrical	78
Street Boxes	97
Oil Burner	36
Stove	27
Resuscitator calls	79
Mobile Homes	22
To wash gas (accidents)	70
Dwellings	165
Smoke investigations	140
Rescue	74
Requests for ambulance	314
False Alarms	97
Mutual Aid Requests	156
Dumps	104
Total Fire Calls	2,497

Requests for Fire Mutal Aid Assistance used to be received from the Fire scene after the arrival of the Local Department and usually after the fire had been combated for some time, and a need was recognized that assistance was necessary. Today in

our System we record Mutual Aid Assistance in three categories: (a) When requested after arrival of the initial Company (b) Dispatched because of a predetermined need or because an "Assisting Co." is housed nearer the scene than the Local and (c) The risk or building has been pre-fire planned and the Apparatus is automatically dispatched upon receipt of the initial call.

We received a total of 156 calls of this type in 1973. Local Departments responded with a total of 433 pieces of Apparatus and were assisted by 522 out of town pieces.

Our efforts to improve our methods of Dispatching, Pre-Fire Planning, and general operation are rewarded in many ways. Prior to August 1, 1967 all towns in N. H. were classified for Insurance rating for two miles from the Fire Station of a recognized Fire Department — (E-2).

Effective August 1, 1967 the Board of Underwriters announced the following:

Southwestern N. H. District Fire Mutual Aid has developed a satisfactory Mutual Aid System. Under the basic requirements for recognition of Mutual Aid Systems, towns in this area having recognized Fire Departments participating fully in this Mutual Aid System are being granted recognition by an extension of the Class E mileage limitation as follows: E2 classifications are being changed to E3, indicating that all properties within three miles of their respective fire houses are now eligible for Class E rates. In addition, recognition is permitted across Town boundaries for properties beyond their own fire house by over three miles but within three miles of a neighboring fire house receiving this rate.

This amounted to a reduction in premium of approximately 36% and affected every property between two and three miles of their fire house. This affected every Town in Cheshire County with the exception of Roxbury and Sullivan.

Our Fire Mutual Aid was the first to ever qualify for this recognition and reduced rate to the property owner.

It is with a great deal of pleasure and pride that I can report effective August 1, 1973 the rate limitations were again extended to the Towns in our System by the N. H. Board. The new limitation extend the rate to E5 or five miles from any Fire House that has a recognized Fire Department and fully participates in our Fire Mutual Aid System.

This means that every property between 2 and 5 miles from any member Fire Department recognized by the Board receives

an insurance reduction in their rate of about 36% because of the operation of our Fire Mutual Aid. A savings I am sure that far exceeds the cost of our operating Budget.

Granite State Alarm continues to expand in this area and is the main reason for the increased estimate in our income to the County.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT C. CALLAHAN,
Coordinator

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Balance, January 1, 1973		$148
Receipts:		
Cheshire County	$58,275	
Assessments	7,689	
Total Receipts		65,964
Total Receipts and Balance		$66,112
Expenditures:		
Salaries and Wages	$50,622	
Assessments Paid to Cheshire County	7,689	
Renovation of Headquarters and Equipment	440	
Auto Expenses	516	
Office Supplies	305	
State Retirement	3,257	
Administrative Public Relations	269	
Cover for Sickness	181	
Clerical Wages	534	
Insurance	218	
Vacations	1,333	
Uniforms	198	
Workmen's Compensation Insurance	247	
Social Security	16	
Total Expenditures		65,825
Balance, December 31, 1973		$287

THE NEW HOPE CENTER, INC.

BALANCE SHEET AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1973

ASSETS

Current Assets:			
Cash			
Ashuelot National Bank — Checking Account	$(497)		
Keene Savings Bank — Savings Account	45		
Petty Cash	200		
Total Cash		$(252)	
Accounts Receivable		500	
Total Current Assets			$248
Building, At Cost			28,556
TOTAL ASSETS			$28,804

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Current Liabilities:		
Accrued Payroll Taxes	$2,069	
Loan Payable — Keene National Bank	5,000	
Note Payable — Ashuelot National Bank	971	
Total Current Liabilities		$8,040
Mortgage Payable — Keene Co-Operative Bank		14,675
Fund Balance:		
Balance, January 1, 1973	$(2,212)	
Net Income — Exhibit B	6,827	
Transfer of Funds	1,474	
Balance, December 31, 1973		6,089
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		$28,804

Note: A building was acquired during 1972, but no depreciation is being taken thereon.

STATEMENT OF INCOME

Revenue:	
Cheshire County Appropriations	$20,000
Gifts and Donations	1,742

School District	17,047	
State of New Hampshire	85,008	
Monadnock United Fund	6,250	
Dividends	19	
Contract Work — Products	7,312	
Total Revenue		$137,378
Expenses:		
Wages	$78,561	
Social Security Taxes	4,575	
Group Insurance	1,389	
Food	4,797	
School Equipment	4,573	
Utilities	3,593	
Supplies	3,409	
Insurance	284	
Travel	892	
Transportation	2,196	
Repairs and Maintenance	6,279	
Professional Services	7,415	
Training	1,100	
Miscellaneous	951	
Pay for Children and Contract Work	8,536	
Bank Charges	134	
Total Expenses		128,684
Operating Income		$8,694
Other Expense:		
Interest		1,867
NET INCOME		$6,827